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1. FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL HAS FOLLOWED UP HIS PREVIOUS
COMMENTS (REF A) ON POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR EEC OF A
BRITISH LABOR PARTY GOVERNMENT. ON MARCH 3 GERMAN TV,
SCHEEL SAID FREEDOM OF ACTION
WITHIN THE EC HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN AFFECTED BY THE OUT-
COME OF THE ELECTION AND THAT NEW PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE
IF A LABOR GOVERNMENT IN OFFICE WOULD REALLY FOLLOW THE
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COURSE OUTLINED DURING THE RECENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN.
LEGALLY, SCHEEL SAID, THE ACCESSION TREATY WITH BRITAIN

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COULD ONLY BE CHANGED WITH THE AGREEMENT OF ALL EEC COUNTRIES, BUT POLITICALLY SCHEEL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NO COUNTRIES COULD BE "FORCED" TO COOPERATE IN THE COMMUNITY.

2. DURING INTERVIEW, SCHEEL ALSO RENEWED SUGGESTION THAT MORE WORK SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE EC COMMISSION SO AS TO RELIEVE THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. SCHEEL ALSO SAID "IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHETHER THE UNANIMITY ROLE COULD NOT BE ABOLISHED ON ISSUES THAT ARE NOT OF ABSOLUTELY VITAL INTEREST." IF THAT WERE DONE, HE ADDED, COUNTRIES HOLDING DIVERGENT VIEWS WOULD BE ABLE TO ABSTAIN THEREFORE FACILITATING MAJOR DECISIONS. SCHEEL SAID SUCH A PROCEDURE COULD ONLY STRENGTHEN THE CAPABILITY FOR WORK AND DECISION MAKING.

3. FINALLY, SCHEEL SAID THE EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS INTEND AT MARCH 4 MEETING TO SET IN MOTION THE DIALOGUE FOR LONG-TERM COOPERATION WITH ALL THE ARAB COUNTRIES. HE SAID EUROPE HAS NO INTENTION IN ENGAGING IN ANY "COMPETITION" WITH AMERICAN MIDEAST PEACE MISSION; NOR ARE EFFORTS AND PROGRESS TOWARD A WORLDWIDE ENERGY POLICY TO BE AFFECTED. SCHEEL SAID BONN CONTINUES TO AGREE WITH PARIS ON GOAL OF EUROPEAN UNION BY 1980. REMARKING ON MARCH 1 MEETING WITH JOBERT (REF B), SCHEEL SAID THERE WERE OF COURSE DIFFERENCES OF NUANCES AND JOBERT HAS RECENTLY SHOWN A LIKING FOR "IRONIC REMARKS." BUT SCHEEL CONCLUDED THAT BOTH SIDES APPRECIATE THAT EUROPE HAS TO BE SET MOVING AGAIN.

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